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DMV-based DuPont Brass will play the Hometown Holidays Music Fest on Saturday, May 26.

Party Down with Southern Sounds, Music from Maryland, Memphis and More *Hometown Holidays to Bring Music, Food, Fun Memorial Day Weekend*

With performances featuring country, cover songs, rock, reggae and reptiles, the 30th annual Hometown Holidays Music Fest will offer something for everyone, Memorial Day weekend.

The music festival – a destination for music lovers – will feature performances on four stages across six city blocks by more than 30 local, regional and national performing artists, and the best local food around, on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 in Rockville Town Center.

Southern sounds will close out a day of music on the main Bud Light Beach Stage each evening, with country artist **Charlie Worsham** at 8:30 p.m. Saturday and the Memphis music of **Southern Avenue** at 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Annapolis-based **Bumpin Uglies** brings their ska/punk/reggae to the Maryland Avenue Stage at 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Baltimore's **Jah Works** returns with reggae at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Newcomers this year include two popular acts from the Washington metropolitan area: the Latin pop-rock of **Ocho de Bastos** at 2 p.m. Saturday on the Hungerford's Tavern Stage and the eclectic and soulful **DuPont Brass**, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday on the Bud Light Beach Stage. Brooklyn, New York's **Animal Years** bring their Americana roots rock to the Maryland Avenue Stage at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

The weekend will once again feature favorite food from local restaurants at the Taste of Rockville, which will open at noon each day. The festival will also feature kids amusements, the return of "the beach" sand area and the 74th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and

GET THERE

WHAT: Hometown Holidays Music Fest

WHEN: Saturday & Sunday,
May 26 & 27, 2-10 p.m.
Taste of Rockville opens at noon.

WHERE: Rockville Town Center



Ocho de Bastos.

Parade on Monday, May 28.

A new, mobile-friendly Hometown Holidays Music Fest website will help festivalgoers get ready for the weekend and get around while they are there. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH to find:

- The complete festival lineup and performance schedule.
- Taste of Rockville participating restaurants, as they are announced.
- A map of festival parking options. The festival is just a five-minute walk from the Rockville Metro station.
- Applications to participate in the parade or have a booth in the community partners area. The city is seeking nonprofit organizations who provide services to the Rockville community to connect with the community and share their mission.

Visit "City of Rockville Hometown Holidays" on Facebook, where a new musical act will be profiled each week on #MusicMonday. ✚

Rockets, Robots, Chemistry and Coding: Rockville Science Day is April 22

The 29th annual Rockville Science Day offers a chance to experience science hands-on, with science and technology-related exhibits, activities, games and demos from over 90 local organizations and businesses.

This Rockville tradition is free and will be held from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, at Montgomery College-Rockville, at 51 Mannakee St.

Activities and exhibits include building and launching rockets, a traveling planetarium, telescopes, robots and botball, backyard wildlife, ship models, microscopes, snakes, oyster farming, stream science, a pigeon release, Civil War medical practice, coding challenges, math puzzles, chemistry in action (including flames, explosions and other reactions), electric vehicle demos, quadcopters, archaeology mini-digs, 3-D printing and brain games.

Student Service Learning hours are available for Montgomery County Public Schools students 16 and older



who volunteer before or during the event. Learn more and register to exhibit at rockvillesciencecenter.org/rockville-science-day.

Can't Wait for Science Day?

The Rockville Science Center sponsors a free Science Tuesday on the second Tuesday of the month, a Science Café on the third Tuesday of the month and summer camps at the Bullis School and at City of Rockville community centers.

For something a bit more hands-on, the RSC hosts activities at the Studio i Makerspace at the Rockville Memorial Library,

21 Maryland Ave., in Rockville Town Square. Activities include programming, electronics, rocketry, amateur radio license training and other high-tech projects. Find the Studio i Makerspace schedule at www.meetup.com/Rockville-RSC-Makerspace.

Learn more about these and other upcoming events at rockvillesciencecenter.org/events/list.

RSC is a nonprofit supported by the generous donations of its members and sponsors, including the City of Rockville. Visit rockvillesciencecenter.org/support to learn more. ✚

Community Invited to Discuss Updating Historic Resources Management Plan

Revisions to Rockville's 30-year-old Historic Resources Management Plan are well underway. Consultants, JMT, will talk about progress so far on draft updates at a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the Mayor and Council Chambers.

The meeting will give the public the opportunity to hear about progress made so far, and to comment and make suggestions as JMT continues progress toward the final product.

The Historic Resources Management Plan outlines how Rockville's historic buildings and areas are managed, including private homes designated as historic. Once finished, the plan will include a comprehensive database of frequently updated historic resources and feature a 10-year action plan, with detailed priorities and implementation steps for historic preservation in the future.

JMT has completed preliminary surveys of neighborhoods and properties, and has updated, revised and added on to the existing HRMP draft.

The new plan will be a living document that can be updated as required, while incorporating a narrative describing periods of Rockville's development, lists of resources and methods of protection, and the implications for various stakeholders, such as the Mayor and Council, the Planning Commission, the Historic District Commission, Peerless Rockville, historic property owners and the public.

For more information on the plan update, contact preservation planner Sheila Bashiri at 240-314-8236, or sbashiri@rockvillemd.gov. Visit the HRMP update page on Rockville's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/historic-resources. ✚



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Artist's rendering of Twinbrook Quarter, looking south along the Metrorail tracks and Rockville Pike.

Twinbrook Quarter to Bring New Energy to Twinbrook Metro Station

An application for a multiparcel redevelopment project near the Twinbrook Metro Station is now under review by planning staff. The project extends 18 acres from the north-east corner of Rockville Pike and Halpine Road, from 1500 to 1616 Rockville Pike. Dubbed Twinbrook Quarter, applicant Saul Holdings LP expects to create a transit-oriented, mixed-use district of residential, retail and office spaces that will offer a landscaped pedestrian promenade along Rockville Pike, new internal street connectors and a central green, among other site amenities.

Twinbrook Quarter would replace several single-story retail, office and restaurant uses typical of Rockville's previous suburban-style commercial development. The project would continue the trend of infill development around the Twinbrook Metro Station on properties to the south and east of the station.

The project is seeking approval as a Rockville Champion Project by providing greater open space, mobility options and employment than otherwise required, in exchange for greater height limits and design flexibility.



Artist's rendering looking north along North Stonestreet Ave. at Howard Ave.

Staff Presents Stonestreet Corridor Study Draft Recommendations

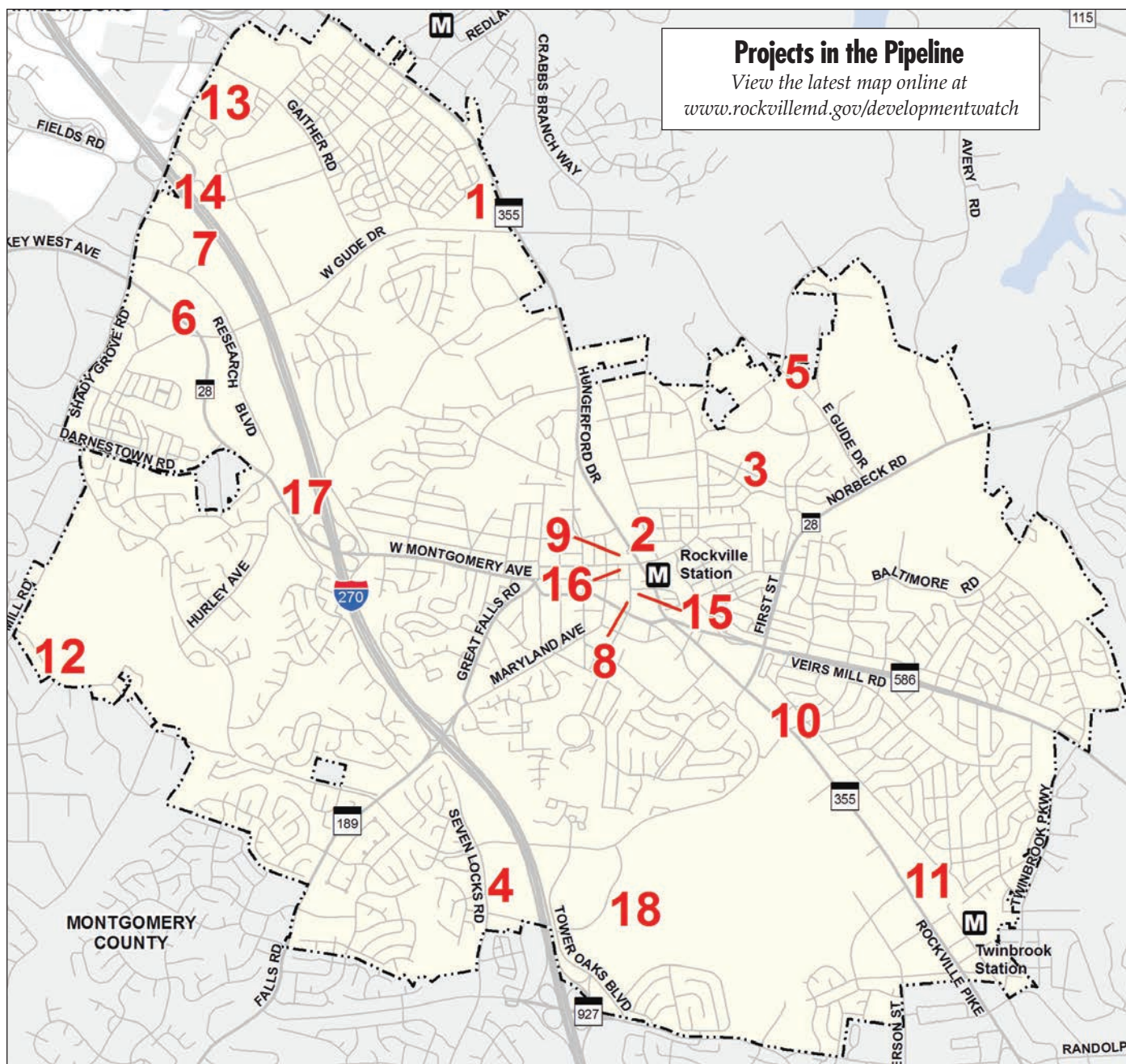
Staff introduced initial draft recommendations for the Stonestreet Corridor Study at a well-attended community meeting on Feb. 22. Staff discussed recommended policies and implementation steps, key potential redevelopment sites along the corridor and possible street and sidewalk improvements.

Through its community planning process, the study sought to strengthen community relationships by seeking consensus and balance with business owners, tenants and residents along the corridor. The study area generally covers the east and west sides of north and south Stonestreet avenues, from Westmore Road to the north, to where South Stonestreet Avenue dead-ends to the south.

A report of results and draft recommendations are expected to be presented at a Mayor and Council work session on May 21.

Know the Process, Stay Informed

- Check the latest major planning applications, and/or attend an area meeting held by project applicants, to provide input on projects before consideration by city boards or commissions. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch.
- Find meeting schedules, agendas and information packets for the Mayor and Council and all city boards and commissions at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.
- Call 240-314-8200 to ask about development projects near you.



Major Development Review Applications

Recent Pre-Application Submittals

The following projects are under pre-application review:

1. **25-35 W. Gude Drive (Silverstone Assisted Living):** Pre-application for a proposed 146-unit assisted-living facility. Case PAM2018-00112.
2. **204 N. Stonestreet Ave.:** Pre-application for a proposed self-storage facility. Case PAM2018-00113.
3. **619 Lincoln St.:** Pre-application for a proposed accessory apartment to an existing single-family home. Case PAM2018-00108.
4. **1201 Seven Locks Road (Brightview):** Pre-application for a proposed 198-unit senior housing development. Case PAM2017-00102.
5. **1300 E. Gude Drive:** Pre-application for site and façade changes to an existing retail center, and an addition of a 900-unit self-storage facility. Case PAM2018-00111.
6. **West Montgomery Avenue and West Gude Drive (Falls Grove at West Montgomery):** Pre-application for a proposed mixed-use development consisting of 459 multifamily units and about 10,000 square feet of ground floor retail on a vacant site. Case PAM2017-00100.

Applications Under Review

The following applications are currently in the development review process:

7. **4 Research Place:** Site plan application for an 88,000-square-foot self-storage facility. Case STP2016-00282.
8. **101 Monroe St. (Montgomery County — Executive Office Building):** Waiver application to height limitations of Section 25.09.08.b (Wireless Communication Facilities Attached to Existing Structures) for a proposed roof-mounted 60-foot "stub tower." Case VAR2018-00063.
9. **220 E. Middle Lane (Rockville Metro Plaza):** Project plan application for a proposed mixed-use development of approximately 240 multifamily units and 8,500 square feet of retail. Case PJT2018-00008.

10. **900 Rockville Pike:** Project plan amendment for a proposed 6,000-square-foot retail center with about 900 square feet of office use. Case PJT2018-00010.
11. **1500-1616 Rockville Pike (Twinbrook Quarter):** Project plan application for the proposed redevelopment of about 18 acres into a mixed-use project consisting of residential, retail and office use. Case PJT2018-00011.
12. **9701 Veirs Drive (The Village at Rockville):** Site plan application for a new independent-living building at the existing retirement community. Case STP2017-00320.
13. **15825 Shady Grove Road (Shady Grove Neighborhood Center):** Project plan application for a proposed mixed-use development of townhomes, multifamily residential, retail, office, hotel and/or institutional uses such as senior housing or nursing home. Case PJT2017-00007.
14. **Redland Boulevard at I-270:** Level 2 site plan for a proposed self-storage facility. Case STP2017-00307.

Recently Approved Applications

The following applications were recently approved and are currently, or soon to be, under construction:

15. **50 Monroe Place:** Site plan application for a 70-unit multifamily project with about 1,400 square feet of retail. Case STP2018-00326. Approved Dec. 13, 2017.
16. **198 E. Montgomery Ave. (Duball Rockville):** Site plan application to allow development of 400 multifamily units with 20,000 square feet of retail. Case STP2017-00321. Approved Nov. 29, 2017.
17. **1251 W. Montgomery Ave.:** Level 2 site plan for a proposed self-storage facility. Case STP2017-00300. Approved April 26, 2017.
18. **Preserve Parkway (Tower Oaks residential):** Level 2 site plan implementing project plan amendment PJT2016-00006 for up to 375 residential units to replace about 755,000 square feet of office development approved under the current planned development. Case STP2017-00308. Approved Oct. 11, 2017.



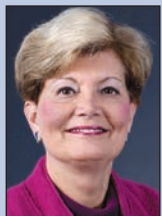
HISTORIC TAX CREDITS... Rockville's Historic District Commission takes part in the county's preservation tax credit program to help owners of historic properties with maintenance expenses for the exterior of their buildings. To learn more about the HDC and tax credit programs at the county, state or federal level, or for an application, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/historic. Applications should be postmarked by April 2. For more information, contact Sheila Bashiri, preservation planner, at 240-314-8236 or sbashiri@rockvillemd.gov.

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Meetings: Monday, April 9 and 30 at 7 p.m. Work session: Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg on April 9.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.

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Survey Results for Proposed New Community Center in City's Southwest Now Available Online

Results from a survey conducted to assess residents' views on whether they desire a new community center are available online at the City of Rockville's website.

The City of Rockville Community Interest Survey was conducted Jan. 8-Feb. 7 and was sent to households within the general area proposed for the new center — west of I-270 and south of Hurley Avenue.

The results can be viewed at www.rockvillemd.gov/2018communitycentersurvey.

Consultant EurekaFacts will present the survey results to the Mayor and Council at their Monday, April 9 meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

The survey found that 66.7 percent of respondents support or strongly support a new community recreation center in the area.

The survey also asked all respondents to identify their priorities for recreation spaces in the survey area.

- 46 percent placed a high priority on more natural areas (e.g., green spaces).
- 30 percent placed a high priority on improvement to existing park and recreation facilities.
- 26 percent placed a high priority on greater access to facilities for outdoor sports (e.g., soccer, baseball, basketball).

- 25 percent placed a high priority on additional community recreation centers.

Respondents who support or strongly support a new center weighed in on their preferred location. The most preferred location was the vicinity of the Wootton Parkway and Falls Road intersection. The top requested amenity of a new center was a "fitness/wellness center."

The Mayor and Council's discussion of possible funding for a new community center will be part of a Monday, April 23 work session on the FY 2019 budget.

Comments on the budget are welcomed. The Mayor and Council will hold a hearing for the public, on the FY 2019 budget, on Monday, April 9.

Submit testimony in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or the City Clerk's Office/Director of Council Operations, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. The public record remains open until Friday, April 13.

Meetings are broadcast live on channel 11 on county cable systems, live streamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11 and available a day after the meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand. Find the proposed budget at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. ❖

'Chestnut Lodge Park' Recommended as Name for City's Newest Park

The Rockville Recreation and Park Advisory Board has forwarded to the Mayor and Council "Chestnut Lodge Park" as its recommendation for the name of 6.4 acres of land at 500 W. Montgomery Ave. purchased by the city in 2017.

The Mayor and Council has final decision-making authority on the future park's name. They will hold a public hearing on the name at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. The Mayor and Council are

scheduled to take action on the recommendation at their Monday, May 7 meeting.

Testimony can be submitted in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or City Clerk/DCO Office, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

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(KING) FARM FRESH ... The first phase of the renovation of the King Farm Farmstead dairy barns is nearly complete, stabilizing the structures and creating large, useable spaces on the upper levels. The roof, framework, dormers and doors have been restored or replaced to match the originals. See the "Rock 11 Now Weekly" report at youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Farmstead Renovation Update."

Mayor and Council Support Proposed Pepco Microgrid in Town Center

The Mayor and Council recently approved a letter in support of a Pepco proposal to establish and test a microgrid in Rockville Town Center that would provide power to essential community services in the event of a widespread power outage.

The state Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on the proposal at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, in the commission's 16th Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul St., Baltimore.

"We commend Maryland's efforts to advance the development of microgrids to support community reliability, resiliency, and sustainability goals," the Mayor and Council said in a letter approved Feb. 26. "Pepco's proposal in Rockville Town Center is a unique opportunity to support these goals and would provide tremendous value to our community."

Rockville was chosen by the county for the pilot project over sites in the Seneca Science Corridor and the White Oak Science Gateway.

As the seat of Montgomery County government, and with 298,000 people within a five-mile radius, Town Center is a "strategic and impactful location" for the microgrid, the Mayor and Council said. In the event of a power outage related to severe weather or a cyberattack, the microgrid could disconnect from the larger power grid and operate independently, sustaining electrical service to businesses such as grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies and hotels, and to county and city facilities, including City Hall and the city's police station.

If approved, Pepco would reconfigure existing electrical infrastructure and incorporate distributed energy generation resources on participating properties.

The Mayor and Council heard a briefing from Pepco about the proposal on Nov. 6. Pepco also met with the community, potential microgrid participants and city staff. Pepco is requesting PSC approval by June 1. If approved, Pepco has committed to installing the microgrid within five years.

Written testimony about the proposal should be filed by April 6 via the PSC's e-Filing system. Learn more at www.psc.state.md.us. Search case No. 9361. ❖

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- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. The webpage also includes schedules and cancellations, and contact information.

Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **April 4**, Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee 7 p.m.
- **April 4, 11, 25**, Planning Commission 7 p.m.*
- **April 5, 12, 19, 26**, Development Review Committee 9 a.m.
- **April 5**, Environment Commission 7 p.m.
- **April 7**, Board of Appeals 9 a.m.
- **April 11**, Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.
- **April 18**, Rockville Sister City Corporation 7 p.m.
- **April 19**, Historic District Commission 7 p.m.
- **April 24**, Board of Supervisors of Elections 6 p.m.
- **April 25**, Sign Review Board 9 a.m.
- **April 26**, Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. at RedGate Golf Course

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Appeals (1 alt.)
- Cultural Arts Commission (2)
- Historic District Commission (1 regular/1 alt.)
- Human Rights Commission (2)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Recreation and Park Advisory Board (2)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.



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Inspection Services Asks Customers to Weigh in on Performance

The City of Rockville's Inspection Services Division wants to know how well it is serving its customers, and is asking them to share those experiences by taking a short survey.

The ISD regulates state-mandated building codes and ordinances by issuing permits and contractor licenses, reviewing plans and inspecting all phases of residential and commercial construction, to ensure buildings and structures under construction are safe, code-compliant and in conformance with approved plans.

Improving customer service has been a primary focus for ISD Chief of Inspection Services Rabbiah Sabbakhan since he signed up with Rockville to lead the division last year. Obtaining customer feedback is a critical part of evaluating overall performance.

The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ISDSurvey2018, where customers are asked to answer questions about their experiences with permitting, plan review and inspections. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/inspection-services to learn more about the Inspection Services Division.

Annual Native Plant Sale and Spring Festival Returns to Nature Center

Celebrate spring at Croydon Creek Nature Center's annual Spring Festival and Native Plant Sale. The free, family-friendly festival will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 28.

Enjoy a live animal show from Scales & Tales, naturalist-led hikes, games, crafts and other activities, including face painting and exhibits on sustainability. Native plants will be available for purchase.

The nature center is located at 852 Avery Road. The center is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, and closed Mondays. For more information on Croydon Creek Nature Center, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek.

Community Police Academies Offer Hands-On Experience and Education

Community members once again have the opportunity to learn what it takes to be a police officer through the Rockville Community Police Academy or a special course aimed at 60-plus residents this April and May.

The Rockville City Police Department is accepting applications for the free, 8-week Rockville Community Police Academy, which begins Tuesday, April 3 and runs through Tuesday, May 22 from 7-9 p.m. at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive. Participants 18 and older will learn about all aspects of the police department, receive hands-on training and earn a graduation certificate upon course completion. Topics will include:

- Crime scene processing.
- Firearms training simulations.
- K-9 unit demonstrations.
- Traffic law.
- Detectives and investigations.
- Bomb unit.

For more information and registration, email Cpl. Ken Matney at kmatney@rockvillemd.gov.

RCPD is also offering a free course highlighting safety and education for the 60-plus population. The course will explore code enforcement, the K-9 unit and forensic science and will include a tour of the city's police station. It will meet from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Wednesdays, April 11-May 16, in the Azalea Room of the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Register for course #4198 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

For more information about the Rockville City Police Department and its community policing mission, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

APRIL is Earth Month in Rockville



Earth Day's 48th anniversary is **Sunday, April 22**. The Mayor and Council issued a proclamation declaring Earth Day in Rockville during their March 19 meeting. Find video of the presentation with the March 19 listing at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. Rockville celebrates the season with the following activities aimed at environmental sustainability:

APRIL 4: 5th Annual Montgomery County Energy Summit, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. in Silver Spring. Learn more at www.mcenergysummit.org.

APRIL 12: Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series: Learn the Three B's: Bee, Beneficial and Blooms, 7 p.m. at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive. Marie Rojas Marie will present. She is a master gardener and beekeeper from Beallsville, who provides integrated pest management services for homeowners, nursery growers and property managers and serves on several green industry boards. Learn more at www.peerlessrockville.org/events-and-programs.

APRIL 14: 30th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Stream cleanup sites include:

- Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920

Twinbrook Parkway, 9:30-11 a.m.

- Maryvale Park, 812 First St., 10 a.m.-noon.

City staff will greet volunteers. Gloves and bags will be provided. Student Service Learning hours are available. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. For more information, or to register, email environment@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8870.

APRIL 22: Science Day, noon-5 p.m. at Montgomery College-Rockville, 51 Mannakee St. Visit the Croydon Creek Nature Center table. Free. Learn more at www.rockville-sciencecenter.org/rockville-science-day and in the article on page 1.

APRIL 25: Arbor Day Ceremony. Tree-planting at 11 a.m. at Rockmead Park, 1800 Greenplace Terrace.

APRIL 28: Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rockville

City Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Drive up and drop off unused or expired medications so that they are safely disposed of and kept out of our environment. For more information, contact Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922 or kmatney@rockvillemd.gov.

APRIL 28: Spring Festival with Native Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Croydon Creek Nature Center. Bring the family to celebrate spring with a live raptor show from Scales & Tales, face painting by Kids Party Face, naturalist-led hikes, nature games and crafts and a native plant sale.

Learn how to bring an environmental speaker to your next community meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/earthmonth and how to get involved and live greener and healthier at www.rockvillemd.gov/environment. ❖

City Works to Support Firefighters with Fire Hydrant Maps

When responding to a fire, every second counts. Firefighters must quickly find fire hydrants that connect to the biggest water mains with the highest water flow.

Rockville's Department of Public Works is working to ensure the city's fire hydrants are accessible and in good working order. The city

also provides Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service firefighters with maps of the city's hydrant locations, including available hydrant water flows in gallons per minute. The maps will be used by firefighters on the scene of fires to determine which hydrants have the water flow to fight the fire they

are facing.

In the meantime, Rockville continues its multiyear effort to paint hydrants according to National Fire Protection Association guidelines, which include painting hydrant barrels yellow to increase their visibility at night and painting the hydrant tops one of four colors indicating their flow

rate.

Hydrants are painted when the city rehabilitates water mains tied to the hydrants, when development occurs, or when Boy Scouts volunteer to paint hydrants, often as part of Eagle Scout projects, said John Hollida, a civil engineer who oversees the city's water

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Peerless Rockville Tour to Highlight Historic Homes

Peerless Rockville will host a tour of historic and beautiful homes of Rockville's West End in May.

The tour, from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, May 12, will feature homes and gardens on West Montgomery Avenue, Thomas Street and Forest Avenue, including the cottage home of renowned Chestnut Lodge psychiatrist Frieda Fromme-Reichmann. The event will also feature live music, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages.

This event is sponsored by Westat, Old Line Bank, the City of Rockville, Hillstrom Real Estate, Broadhurst Architects and the Rockville

Chamber of Commerce, with food provided by Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge.

Advance tickets are \$30 for Peerless members and \$35 for nonmembers before April 27 and are available at bit.ly/PeerlessHomesTour2018. The tour takes place rain or shine.

For more information, visit PeerlessRockville.org or call 301-762-0096.

Peerless Rockville is an award-winning, community-based nonprofit founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects and information important to Rockville's heritage, through education, example, advocacy and community involvement. ❖



KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT EXCELLENT...

The Mayor and Council on March 19 honored a Rockville-based company and an educator with Environmental Excellence Awards recommended by the city's Environment Commission. NextGen LED, LLC received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Green Building Technology in recognition of their work helping local buildings achieve savings in energy, costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Melissa Jordan, a teacher at Rockville Presbyterian Cooperative Nursery School for over 22 years, received the award for Outstanding Environmental Education in recognition of her leadership in early childhood environmental education that teaches preschool students an appreciation of the natural world and the importance of lifelong environmental stewardship. To learn more about the awardees and view video of the presentation, find the March 19 agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN WATCHING ON YOUTUBE ... Rockville 11's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/cityofrockville) recently featured City Manager Rob DiSpirito's budget proposal, opportunities for volunteering at the Rockville Senior Center and serving on a task force to study the city's boards and commissions, a tribute to Olympic champion and Rockville native Haley Skarupa, local officials supporting gun safety, and Women's History Month celebrations.

Meet a Rockville Intern:

Lena Ousvatova

Lena Ousvatova, from Rockville's German sister city, Pinneberg, was out and about around the city as an intern in March, learning all about Rockville's government. Lena arrived on March 2 and was scheduled to spend time with different departments of Rockville City Hall, as well as with District 3 Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz and District 17 state Sen. Cheryl C. Kagan.

We asked her a few questions to get to know her. We hope you had a wonderful visit to America, Lena!

Where are you from?

I'm originally from Russia (Saint Petersburg) but since 1999 I've lived in Germany, in Pinneberg (sister city to Rockville), which is close to Hamburg.

How long will you be here in the U.S.?

It's my first time in the U.S. and I'm here for a month.

Tell us a little about how you came to be an intern with the City of Rockville.

I had the great opportunity last summer to help organize the 60th anniversary celebrations of the Rockville-Pinneberg sister city relationship. In this context, I met Rockville's City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Kathleen Conway, Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and many other incredibly nice



Pinneberg, Germany, native spends month as a Rockville intern.

and lovely people from Rockville. My interest in the work of government in our two cities was quickly awakened, and I came up with the idea of asking if an internship might be possible, and now I am here after a long time of planning.

What will you be doing while you're here?

Kathleen and many others have taken so much care of me. I have the great opportunity to talk to employees from different departments. I can meet people and learn more about the way of life here. I was in New York one weekend and in museums in Washington, D.C. I also will have the opportunity to participate in many meetings of the city on many different topics.

I would like to thank everyone for the friendly reception. It's great to meet so many great people and a wonderful opportunity.

To learn more about the Rockville Sister City Corporation, visit www.rockvillesistercities.org. ❀

Experts to Present to Mayor and Council on Deer Management Methods

The Mayor and Council will hear from several experts at their work session on Monday, April 23, to learn more about ways to manage the city's white-tailed deer population.

The Mayor and Council requested the presentation in response to resident concerns about the impact of deer. They will hear from representatives of federal, state and county agencies.

According to Montgomery County's website on deer management, "The growing concern about deer-related impacts over the past two and a half decades indicates that deer popu-

lations in some areas of Montgomery County have exceeded the cultural carrying capacity (i.e. exceeded what citizens will tolerate). There are also concerns about the damage deer are causing to natural communities in our parks, especially those related to forest system ecology."

Deer-management strategies can involve data collection, education, use of repellents, fencing and managed deer hunting.

For more information on Rockville's urban wildlife management program, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/urbanwildlife. ❀

In Its 30th Year, Wellness Program Encourages Employees to 'LiveWell'

LiveWell, the city's employee health and wellness program, celebrates its 30th year in 2018.

The program strives to improve the health and well-being of employees, reduce medical-related costs and absenteeism, and ultimately produce healthier employees who can better serve the community.

LiveWell helps employees target specific health-related concerns such as weight management and tobacco use and promotes physical activity. It actively supports employees' efforts, at work and at home, to live healthier through organizational practices, policies and programs. Such programs include monthly blood pressure screenings and body composition analysis, presentations by guest speakers on topics like nutrition, discounted exercise classes during the workday at City Hall, and employee and family discounts at city recreation facilities.

This month, LiveWell will launch a new website and mobile app that will provide incentives for getting health assessments and completing health challenges at work and home.

"Your healthy lifestyle is all day long, at work and at home," said Hillary Hurlbutt, the city's health and wellness program manager. "We are excited to incorporate spouses

in this piece of the program, to add another layer of fun and support for employees in reaching their health goals."

The first challenge with the new website, "Water You Drinking?", will encourage participants to drink more water. The program will award points for participating in challenges that focus on healthy tasks such as exercising, visiting the dentist, and getting an annual physical exam or age-appropriate preventative screening. At the end of the year, the points can be used to earn gift cards.

About 60 percent of city employees participate in at least one wellness activity each year.

Employees are encouraged to complete an annual online health assessment. The proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget includes incentives for employees' spouses to also obtain an assessment, which analyzes cholesterol, blood pressure, height, and weight. Employees who complete the assessment get an overview of their health and receive discounts on their health insurance costs.

The annual LiveWell Employee Health Fair on April 26 will feature free health screenings, lunch, games and activities for city employees and their families. ❀

Rabies Clinics Return This Month

Vaccinations Required for Dogs, Cats and Ferrets Older than 4 Months

Rabies vaccination clinics are held monthly through September from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, at 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, in Derwood.

The City of Rockville requires all dogs, cats and ferrets older than 4 months to be vaccinated for rabies and to have a current city license. Failure to vaccinate an animal may subject the owner to a \$250 fine. The fine for an unlicensed pet is \$50.

The clinics offer free or discounted rabies vaccinations after pet licenses are purchased at the clinic for City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery County pets. Reduced license fees are available for handicapped individuals, public assistance recipients and those 60 years of age or older. All animals must be leashed or in carriers and controlled to receive service.

Clinics will be held April 15, May 20, June 24, July 15, Aug. 26 and Sept. 16. For more information, call 240-314-8937 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rabiesclinic.

Building Bridges in a Diverse Society Workshop Seeks Students

Building Bridges in a Diverse Society, a dynamic, highly interactive diversity leadership workshop offered by the city's Human Rights Commission, returns in April.

The free workshop, co-sponsored by the Montgomery College-Rockville Student Life Office, is for students living in or attending high school in Rockville, or attending Montgomery College-Rockville. It will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 21 in Room 152 of the Science Center at Montgomery College-Rockville, 51 Mannakee St.

The curriculum, based on the teachings of peace-building organizations, will provide students with tools to handle difficult situations with an understanding of diverse populations. It is designed to help students recognize prejudice and isolation, appreciate diversity and create an environment of inclusion in their schools.

Student leaders of diverse backgrounds are especially encouraged to attend. Student Service Learning hours will be offered and verification of hours attended is available for college students. Lunch will be provided.

Find an application at www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights. For more information, call Janet Kelly, the city's Human Rights Commission liaison, at 240-314-8316 or email jkelly@rockvillemd.gov. For Americans with Disabilities Act modifications, call the city's ADA coordinator at 240-314-8108, TTY: 240-314-8137 or relay 711.

City Launches Online Map of Public Art

A new online map, Rockville Arts in Public Places, shows the locations of 50 public artworks around the city, alongside details that include the artist's name and a description or artist statement about the piece.

"The different pieces, scattered throughout the city, reflect the vitality and diversity of the people and businesses within the community," the site states. "The arts are very important to the residents of Rockville, and serve to maintain and enrich the character of the community, improve the quality of life and foster economic development."

The city requires 1 percent of the construction cost of city projects be set aside for works of art, and also that \$1 per capita in the city's Capital Improvements Program go toward the commission or acquisition of art that is owned or maintained by the city in locations accessible to the public.

To see the online map, visit arcg.is/SzPez. To learn more about the Arts in Public Places program, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AIPP.



AWARDED FOR PRESERVATION EFFORTS ...

Elaine Crutchfield, a longtime Rockville employee, and her brother Warren Crutchfield, were guests of honor and award-winners at the 2017 Montgomery County Awards for Historic Preservation, held Friday, March 23. Elaine and Warren were recognized for their work to restore and preserve Rockville's Haiti Cemetery, a significant part of the city's African-American heritage. From left to right: Eileen McGuckian, Montgomery Preservation president; Elaine Crutchfield; Warren Crutchfield; and Hannelore Quigley, Haiti Cemetery Board of Directors.

View Rockville 11's video on the cemetery restoration at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search for "Haiti."



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Where are the Flags?

Flags from 193 United Nations-recognized countries, which were attached to light poles around Rockville Town Center last spring, were removed in anticipation of the windstorm which swept through the region on Friday, March 2.

The world's flags are scheduled to be returned to light poles in early April.

Get to Know Rockville: Enroll in the City Academy

The Rockville City Academy returns this spring with a new opportunity to learn about the City of Rockville.

The six-session program begins Thursday, May 10 with presentations from staff leaders who oversee the city's daily operations. Topics will include:

- Rockville's form of government and the Public Information and Community Engagement Division.
- The Department of Public Works.
- Planning and the master plan process.
- Police and code enforcement, including neighborhood watch.
- The Department of Recreation and Parks, including a tour of city recreation facilities.
- Community leadership training.

The highly interactive program seeks to empower new and existing community leaders to use their talents to participate in and serve their communities and the City of Rockville.

The program will be held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Find full session dates and times, and register, at www.rockvillemd.gov/academy. Spaces are limited. Participants must be 16 or older and live or work in Rockville.

For more information, contact Hjarman Cordero at hcordero@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8344.

Vendors Wanted for Rocktoberfest

The city is seeking vendors, especially of German-themed crafts, for Rockville's second annual Rocktoberfest celebration, which is scheduled for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 in Rockville Town Center.

The free festival is expected to draw 3,000 visitors and will include two stages of live music, German food, beverages from local breweries in souvenir mugs, kids activities and an artisan area.

Booths for breweries and vendors will be set up along Maryland Avenue, within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station.

Find an application and learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest or contact Amanda Knox at aknox@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8620.

At the F. Scott Theater, Tunes from Disney and Tales of Clock Dial Painters



"Radium Girls" continues a season of Rockville Little Theatre performances celebrating the resident company's 70th anniversary. Inspired by a true story, the provocative, fast-moving drama follows Grace Fryer, a watch dial painter, as she fights for justice against her former employer. Directed by Tristan Poje.

Tickets are \$22; \$20 for

seniors (62 and older) and students. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, and Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 29 and Sunday, May 6.

"Music for All Ages: The Wonderful World of Disney" will be performed by the Rockville Concert Band, under the direction of John Saint Amour, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15. No tickets are required, but a \$5 donation is suggested.

The theater is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. Buy tickets at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, by phone at 240-314-8690 or in person at the box office. ✚

Rockville Town Square Welcomes the Return of the A-RTS Festival in May

The Sixth Annual A-RTS at Rockville Town Square Affordable Arts Festival returns May 5-6 with art, food and live music.

The free festival will transform the streets surrounding Town Square Plaza into an outdoor art gallery, featuring more than 160 nationally recognized artists from across the country working in ceramics, drawing, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, metalwork, painting, photography, print-making, sculpture, wood and mixed media.

The festival will be held rain or shine from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 5

and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.

Live music will take to the Dawson's Market Stage at noon each day. Artisanal food vendors along East Middle Lane and Maryland Avenue will offer gourmet chocolates, oils and infused vinegars, and biscotti.

Parking will be available in Rockville Town Square garages.

For more information, including a list of artists, performers and food vendors, visit a-arts.org or find the festival on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RockvilleArtsFestival. ✚



PRESENTING THE RICH TAPESTRY OF ROCKVILLE ... International Night returned on Friday, March 23 for its second year at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre with a festival of the world's cultures. Dancers, musicians, actors and singers were among the acts that represented African, Chinese, Austrian, Honduran, Mexican, Caribbean, Irish and Salvadorian culture.

Amateur Detectives Needed to Solve Murder at the Mansion

Costumes are encouraged for fun and death at the Glenview Mansion. A Taste for Murder Productions will present an interactive murder-mystery comedy, "Murder at the Mansion: A Room with a Clue."

Enjoy a pre-show port tasting 45 minutes before the performance for an additional charge at the door. The show features a complimentary dessert bar and a cash bar with beer, wine and soda. Prizes will be awarded. Tickets are \$35; \$60 for couples.

Performances will be



held at 8 p.m. Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15.

Purchase in advance through the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office by calling 240-314-8690 or visit fscottfitzgerald.showare.com/murder2018. ✚

Celebrate Nature This Month at the Glenview Gallery

Arbor Day on Friday, April 27, is the perfect time to celebrate your love of trees and nature with a visit to "World of Nature," at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

The exhibition features "Trees of the World" — large paintings by Victoria Arana. A member of the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts, Arana says she expresses her zest for living "on this splendidly endowed planet, by condensing my observations into iconic arrangements."

The video installations of Lynda Andrews-Barry's "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow," turns nature upside down, inviting the

viewer to mix sky and water, and to think of common stones as gems.

Finally, the reliquaries and found object, mixed-media assemblages of Lisa Tayerle brings nature to tiny triptychs, where it can be observed as sacred.

The exhibition runs until Friday, April 27.

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is free and ADA accessible, and open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday. The gallery is located on the second floor of the mansion, at 603 Edmonston Drive. For more information, contact Julie Farrell, jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov. ✚

Don't be late for a very important date!

Mad Hatter's Tea Party Brunch!

**Sunday, April 22
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
\$25 per person**

Don your finest topper... Featuring tea (of course), bubbly prosecco punch, lovely sandwiches, scones, pastries and clotted cream. Hats expected, costumes encouraged. Ages 21 and older, only.

All proceeds to benefit City of Rockville arts programs.

Register with course #4221 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. For more information, email jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov.
Glenview Mansion • 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851
240-314-8682 • www.rockvillemd.gov/arts

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WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH? This month celebrates Asian-American and Pacific Islander heritage, autism awareness, Sikh heritage, poetry, volunteers, black women's history, Parkinsons awareness, national child abuse prevention, and fair housing, among others.

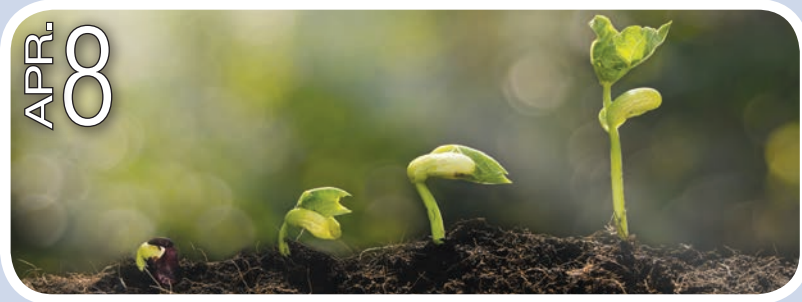
April CALENDAR

CC Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
GM Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
FSF F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.

LP Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.
CH Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
SR Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.

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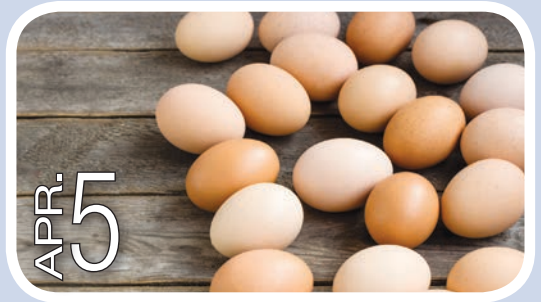
SFC Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
TF Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
TC Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



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APR 22

2 RMSC NEW SWIMMER SPRING/SUMMER TRYOUTS. A tryout opportunity for any swimmer who did not participate in the 2017-2018 fall-winter Rockville-Montgomery Swim Club program at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center. An opportunity to join the team by being evaluated and assigned a practice group. Registration is required. Free. Find registration information and more at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter. 5:30-7 p.m. **SFC**

5 LITTLE ACORNS: ALL ABOUT EGGS. For ages 18-36 months. Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register for course #4757 10-11 a.m. **CC**

8 CROYDON CREEK CAMPFIRE: SIGNS OF SPRING. Spring is a busy time in nature! Join us for an afternoon campfire where we will talk about spring happenings, see nature objects up close and make a special treat over the campfire. Ages 3 and older. All participants must register, including adults. \$5 R/\$6 NR. Register for course #4763. 3-4 p.m. **CC**

8 LIFEGUARD TRAINING REVIEW CLASS BEGINS. A recertification class. Students must present their American Red Cross certification card at the first class. Certifications must be current in order to participate. Students must bring their CPR mask to class. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter. \$125. Register for course #3584. 5-9:30 p.m. **SFC**

8 2018 TWILIGHTER KICK-OFF PARTY. 2-4 p.m. Hosted by Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest. Bar Louie, 150 Gibbs St., downtown Rockville.

9,16,23,30 DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM. This six-week workshop includes techniques to deal with the symptoms of diabetes such as fatigue, pain, hyper/hypoglycemia, stress and emotional problems, diet and exercise, use of medications, and working effectively with healthcare providers. Presented by Adventist Healthcare Center for Health Equity and Wellness with partial funding by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Free. Register for course #4280. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

9,16,30 STRESS REDUCTION/MEDITATION. \$35 R/\$40 NR. Register for course #4281. 1-2 p.m. *See article on page 8.* **SR**

10 SENIOR NUTRITION: WHAT'S LEFT TO EAT. Free. Register for course #4307. 1-2:30 p.m. *See article on page 8.* **SR**

11,25 SENIOR POLICE ACADEMY. Join us for this important program highlighting safety and education for our 60-plus population. Program facilitated by Cpl. Ken Matney. Must be 60 years or older. Free. Register for course #4198. 10:30 a.m.-noon. *See article on page 4.* **SR**

12 GLENVIEW MANSION AND PEERLESS ROCKVILLE SPEAKER SERIES: LEARN THE THREE B'S: BEE, BENEFICIAL AND BLOOMS. 7 p.m. *See article on page 4.* **GM**

14 30th ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER WATERSHED CLEANUP. Stream cleanup sites include Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, 9 a.m.-noon; Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, 9:30-11 a.m.; Maryvale Park, 812 First St., 10 a.m.-noon. *See article on page 4.*

15 OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: SPRING WILDLIFE. Young scientists investigate a variety of science topics through hands-on activities and time spent exploring the forest preserve. For ages 6-8 years. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register for course #4765. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

15 "MUSIC FOR ALL AGES: THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF DISNEY," performed by the Rockville Concert Band. 3 p.m. Free; suggested donation, \$5. *See article on page 6.* **FSF**

18 AAA CARFIT. A quick, comprehensive check of how well you and your vehicle work together. A 12-point checklist will be completed. Register for an appointment time at 240-314-8803. Free. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *See article on page 8.* **SR**

19 LITTLE ACORNS: NATURE'S COLORS. For ages 18-36 months. Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register for course #4758. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

19 DRUG TAKE-BACK FOR SENIORS. Bring old/unused prescriptions to be disposed of properly with help from the Rockville City Police Department. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

19 TINY HOOPERS BEGINS. Children ages 4-6 learn the basics of basketball, like dribbling, catching and passing. Toddler-sized basketballs are used. \$60 R/\$70 NR. Register for course #4887. 5:30-6:15 p.m. Thursdays, until May 24. **LP**

19 ROCKVILLE SENIORS INC. SPAGHETTI DINNER. A night out with the family for a spaghetti dinner and bingo. Tickets: \$13 in advance/\$15 at the door; children 12 and under: \$4 in advance/\$6 at the door. *See article on page 8.* 6-8 p.m. **SR**

20 LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASS BEGINS. This American Red Cross lifeguard training course will certify students in lifeguard training, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer and first aid. Space is limited. Students must attend all class sessions as scheduled. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter. \$195. Register for course #3619. 6-10 p.m. **SFC**

21 COMMUNITY SPRING OUTDOOR YARD SALE AND BAZAAR. Get into those closets, find treasures to sell and make easy money at this annual community yard sale. Vendors must pre-register with payment to secure one parking spot and one 6-foot-by-3-foot table. One table per spot, when providing your own table. Tables cannot exceed 6 by 3. No weapons or food can be sold. Setup is 7-8 a.m. Rain date is April 22. 8 a.m.-noon. Parking lot, Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Ave. Register with course #4882, #4888, #4889.

21 NATURE TOTS: ANIMALS HEAD TO TOE. For ages 2-5. Discover the wonders of nature with your child as a naturalist helps you delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register for course #4754. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

21 SUPERHERO PARTY. Superheroes ages 2 and older can spend a fun afternoon, with an adult, while dressed as their favorite heroic character. Superhero games, pictures with real superheroes, refreshments and more. \$12 R/\$14 NR. Register for course #4856. 2-4 p.m. **TF**

22 ROCKVILLE SCIENCE DAY. Free. Noon-5 p.m. at Montgomery College, Rockville campus, 51 Mannakee St. *See article on page 1.*

22 EXPLORING VERNAL POOLS. Discover what makes a vernal pool and who lives there. Hike off the beaten path to see the best vernal pools in the Hayes Forest Preserve. Wear good hiking shoes and dress for the weather. \$9 R/\$11 NR. Ages 9-12. Register for course #4775. 2-4 p.m. **CC**

22 MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY BRUNCH. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$25 per person (21 and older). Register with course #4221 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. *See ad on page 6.* **GM**

25 ARBOR DAY CEREMONY. Free. 11 a.m. Rockmead Park, 1800 Greenplace Terrace. *See article on page 4.*

26 HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY. Free. Register for course #4301. 1-2 p.m. *See article on page 8.* **SR**

26 HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN MEETING. Consultants JMT will discuss progress so far on updating the plan. 7 p.m. *See article on page 1.* **CH**

27 LATE NIGHT TEEN SCENE. Children age 11-14 will spend time with friends singing karaoke, playing video games and dodge ball, making crafts, and more. \$15 R/\$20 NR. 7-9:30 p.m. **TC**

27,28,29 ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "RADIUM GIRLS." The true story of the women who painted watch dials with glowing radium, and their fight for justice. This story examines workers' rights and what America truly values. By D.W. Gregory. Directed by Tristan Poje. 8-10 p.m. April 27 and 28. 2-4 p.m. April 29. *See article on page 6.* **FSF**

28 PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville City Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave. *See article on page 4.*

28 SPRING FESTIVAL AND NATIVE PLANT SALE. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. *See article on page 4.* **CC**



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find the current recreation guide at www.rockvillemd.gov/guide. Sign up and search for courses, programs, classes and more at www.rockvillemd.gov/register. Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.

= Earth Month events.

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX

Get Fit Without Having to Get in the Pool at the Swim and Fitness Center

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center is a great place to swim and stay in shape year-round, but you don't have to get wet for your workout!

The center has several land-based classes, including ones for kids and teens, that include Pilates, circuit training, yoga, cardio kickboxing and Zumba. Whatever your fitness level, the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center has a class that can lift your fitness level.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. To see fitness classes at the swim center, select "Rockville Swim and Fitness Center" under location and "Fitness" as the category. Registration is currently open. Spring sessions begin April 23.

Find out about Rockville Swim and Fitness Center pool schedules, seasonal hours, personal training opportunities and more at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Deadline Approaches for Community Grant Applications

Applications are being accepted through Thursday, April 12 for Rockville's Organizing Communities and Neighborhoods (ROC-N) Matching Grant Program.

The program distributes matching grants of up to \$1,000 to neighborhood associations for projects promoting community involvement and connectivity. It is designed to support and empower neighborhood groups and encourage participation by community members. Projects must meet one or more of the following:

- Strengthen and improve neighborhood organizations and citizen groups.
- Improve the appearance of city neighborhoods and Rockville's communities.
- Advance inter-neighborhood or community cooperation.

Qualified neighborhood organizations, including PTAs, could receive up to \$1,000 and must provide a cash or in-kind match equal to or greater than the grant amount requested. At least 25 percent of the match must be volunteer hours. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Funding is limited.

Projects are evaluated based on the neighborhood's ability to provide a funding match, the level of community involvement, project readiness and the tangible neighborhood benefit. Projects are evaluated and selected for funding by a committee of City of Rockville staff.

Find more information and applications at www.rockvillemd.gov/ROC-NGrant or call 240-314-8344.

Fire Hydrant Maps

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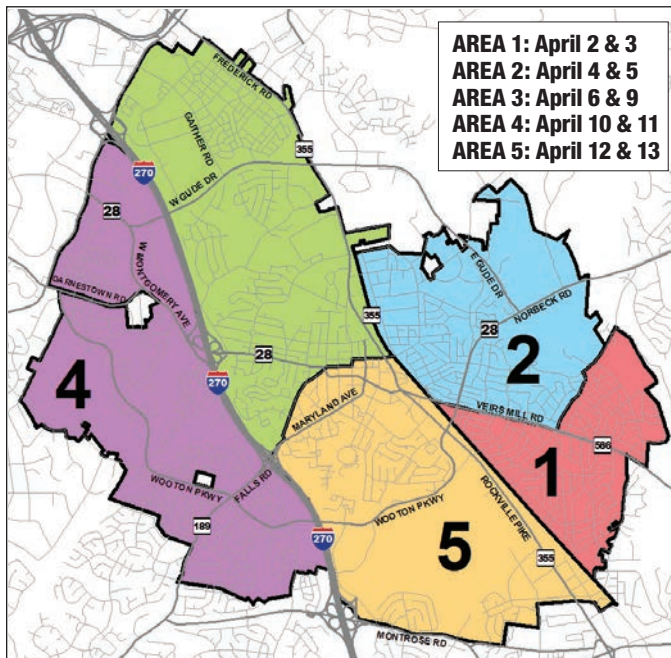
The city's water distribution system includes nearly 174 miles of water pipes and 1,407 fire hydrants, about 500 of which have been painted according to NFPA guidelines. The Mayor and Council are considering accelerating the pace of the painting project as part of their ongoing Fiscal Year 2019 budget deliberations. If approved, the city would paint the remaining 900 hydrants over the next three years.

Learn more about the city's fire hydrants at <http://rockvillereports.com/facts-about-fire-hydrants>. ❖



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdspirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.



See interactive map at www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection.

Spring Leaf Collection Coming in April

The city will vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs from April 2-13 in five collection areas throughout Rockville.

Residents should rake leaves next to, but out of, the roadway no earlier than one week prior to the collection date to avoid grass damage or fire hazards. An interactive map at www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection allows residents to input their address and learn when their leaves will be collected.

DO: Place leaves at the curb by 6 a.m. on the collection dates. Remove sticks and all other objects from leaf piles. Avoid parking near leaf piles or close to other vehicles so that collection trucks can access piles. Use biode-

gradable paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (without plastic garbage bags) to set leaves out with yard waste on your collection day, after the collection period ends. Use alternative disposal methods such as mulching or composting.

DO NOT: Pile leaves in bike lanes or where vehicles are parked. Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste into storm drains, along stream banks or directly into streams. Although yard waste is biodegradable, leaves can clog drains or cause blockages that contribute to localized flooding and can release nutrients, stimulating algae blooms that kill fish. ❖

TERRIFIC Bikes Deadline is April 7

Program Gives Free Bikes to Kids in Grades 1-5

The deadline for kids to submit completed forms for the TERRIFIC Rockville Citizen Bike Award Program is Saturday, April 7. The TERRIFIC program gives free bikes to kids in grades 1-5 who complete six out of 16 good deeds and prove themselves Trustworthy, Earnest, Respectful, Responsible, Involved, Fair, Industrious and

Caring.

"Good deeds," can include perfect attendance in school for one month, volunteering with a charity, picking up litter in a public place, or helping someone who is sick or elderly. Successful participants receive a certificate for taking part and are invited to attend the Mayor and Council meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 7.

Senior Center's April Calendar is Packed

The Rockville Senior Center has a full slate of exciting and engaging programs, courses and events coming up in April to help seniors stay healthy and happy. Make sure you and your car are sympatico; get rid of unwanted prescription drugs; age healthily; reduce your stress; and much more!

- **Diabetes Self-Management Education Program**, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays from April 9-May 14.

A six-week, free workshop presented by Adventist Healthcare Center for Health Equity and Wellness on dealing with diabetes. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/registration and register with course #4280.

- **Stress Reduction/Meditation**, 1-2 p.m., Mondays from April 9-June 18.

Relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/registration and register with course #4281. \$30 for center members, \$35 for residents, \$40 for nonresidents.

- **Senior Nutrition: What's Left to Eat**, 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10.

A free seminar that explores current nutrition issues and research. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/registration and register with course #4307.

- **AAA CarFit**, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18.

A comprehensive, free check of how well you and your vehicle work together. By appointment only. Call 240-314-8803 for details and to make an appointment.

- **Rockville Seniors, Inc. Spaghetti Dinner**, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

Enjoy a night out with the family (and a game of bingo), and support RSI. \$13 in advance; \$15 at the door; kids 12 and under, \$4 in advance or \$6 at the door.

- **Drug Take Back Program**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

The Rockville City Police Department collects your unused drugs for proper disposal in the senior center lobby.

- **Police Academy**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, April 25. *See article on page 4.*

- **Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body**, 1-2 p.m. Thursday, April 26.

Insights into how to optimize physical and cognitive health as you age. Free. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/registration and register with course #4301.

For more on the Rockville Senior Center, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter. The senior center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive. ❖



Awardees receive their reconditioned bikes and new helmets at a special event, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., Sunday, May 20, hosted by Rockville Bike Hub, where bikes will be fitted and kids will receive a brief safety orientation.

Find details and download a form at www.rockvillemd.gov/terrificbikes. Have a bike to donate? Email rockvillebikehub@gmail.com or visit www.rockvillebikehub.org. ❖



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BACK IN THE DAY ... The Rockville City Police Department was a big story on the front of the "City of Rockville Newsletter" for April 9, 1975. Among four officers sworn in was the city's first woman — Mary Lowrey, who came to the city after two years on the force with Jacksonville, Florida. The article, sadly, gives no more information.